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REA has allotted \$100,000 each to four South Carolina cooperatives, each of which is being organized with the cooperation and leadership of the State Extension Service.

These loans were approved as a result of conferences in Columbia in which members of the REA staff met with State officials, including Governor Burnet R. Maybank. The success of earlier power cooperatives which REA has financed in South Carolina convinced this group that such cooperatives promise the best way of extending power lines to the 85 percent of the State's 165,000 farms which still do not have electric service.

While organization of the new cooperatives is not yet complete, results so far indicate that each will have about 125 miles of line and 400 members initially. One will have lines in Berkeley, Dorchester and Charleston Counties and headquarters at Monks Corner; another will serve parts of Darlington, Lee and Florence Counties, and have its office at Darlington; a third will be in Marlboro and Dillon Counties with headquarters at Bennettsville; and the fourth will be in Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties with headquarters probably at Kingstree.

County Agent R. A. Jackson of Williamsburg County represents the group being formed around Kingstree, and Assistant Extension Agricultural Engineer G. H. Stewart of Columbia is arranging formal organization and local leadership for the others.

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